

What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film  
5 comprising a step of:

depositing an ITO film on a crystalline substrate having  
a temperature of 500-1000°C by a pulsed laser vapor deposition  
method.

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2. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film  
according to claim 1, wherein a crystal orientation of a surface  
of said crystalline substrate is receptive to a crystal  
structure of  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ .

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3. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film  
according to claim 1, wherein said crystalline substrate is one  
of a YSZ single crystal substrate, a substrate on which a c-  
20 axis oriented ZnO thin film is formed, a sapphire substrate, a  
SiC single crystal substrate and a silicon single crystal  
substrate.

25 4. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film  
according to claim 3, wherein said crystalline substrate is a  
YSZ single crystal substrate super-flattened to an atomic order  
by a heat treatment in the range of 1200-1500°C.

5. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 2, wherein said ITO film is deposited in heteroepitaxial growth.

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6. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 1, wherein indium oxide is deposited lattice by lattice in an atomic layer growth mode at a low deposition rate on said substrate.

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7. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 1, wherein said ITO film has a resistance of less than  $1 \times 10^{-4} \Omega\text{cm}$ .

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8. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 1, wherein said ITO film has a SnO<sub>2</sub> content of 2.8 - 10.5 mol%.

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9. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film comprising a step of:

depositing ITO film on a crystalline substrate by one of  
25 a low-voltage sputtering, an oxygen cluster beam deposition, a chemical vapor deposition, a metal organic chemical vapor deposition, a metal organic chemical vapor deposition - atomic layer deposition, and a molecule beam epitaxy.

10. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 9, wherein said ITO film is deposited on a crystalline substrate having a temperature of 500-1000°C.

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11. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 9, wherein a crystal orientation of a surface of said crystalline substrate is receptive to a crystal structure of  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ .

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12. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 11, wherein said crystalline substrate is one of a YSZ single crystal substrate, a substrate on which a c-axis oriented ZnO thin film is formed, a sapphire substrate, a SiC single crystal substrate and a silicon single crystal substrate.

20 13. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 12, wherein said crystalline substrate is a YSZ single crystal substrate super-flattened to an atomic order by a heat treatment in the range of 1200-1500°C.

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14. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 11, wherein said ITO film is deposited in heteroepitaxial growth.

15. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 9, wherein said ITO film has a resistivity lower than  $1 \times 10^{-4} \Omega\text{cm}$ .

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16. A method for manufacturing a low-resistance ITO film according to claim 9, wherein said ITO film has a  $\text{SnO}_2$  content of 2.8 - 10.5 mol%.

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17. A low-resistance ITO film having a resistivity lower than  $1 \times 10^{-4} \Omega\text{cm}$  and a Sn dopant activity defined as [(carrier density( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ))/Sn density in said ITO film (number of Sn/ $\text{cm}^3$ ) X 100] greater than 80%.

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18. A substrate having a ITO film deposited thereon comprising:

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a crystalline substrate, and  
an ITO film deposited on said crystalline substrate having a temperature of 500-1000°C by a pulsed laser deposition.

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19. A substrate having a ITO film deposited thereon comprising:  
a crystalline substrate, and  
an ITO film deposited by one of a low-voltage sputtering, an oxygen cluster beam deposition, a chemical vapor deposition,

a metal organic chemical vapor deposition, a metal organic chemical vapor deposition - atomic layer deposition, and a molecule beam epitaxy.

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20. A substrate having a ITO film deposited thereon according to claim 18, wherein a patterning is formed in said ITO film.

10 21. A substrate having a ITO film deposited thereon according to claim 19, wherein a patterning is formed in said ITO film.

22. A substrate having a low-resistance ITO film deposited  
15 thereon comprising:

a crystalline substrate, and  
an ITO film having a Sn dopant activity defined as  
 $[(\text{carrier density } (\text{cm}^{-3}) / \text{Sn density in said ITO film (number of Sn/cm}^3) \times 100]$  greater than 80%.

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23. A substrate having a low-resistance ITO film deposited thereon according to claim 22, wherein said ITO film has a resistivity lower than  $1 \times 10^{-4} \Omega\text{cm}$ .

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24. A substrate having a low-resistance ITO film deposited thereon according to claim 22, wherein a patterning is formed

in said ITO film.

25. A substrate having a low-resistance ITO film deposited  
5 thereon according to claim 23, wherein a patterning is formed  
in said ITO film.

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